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## **~~Speaker Registration~~/Testimony**

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**Meeting Date (\*)** 2015-06-03  
**Council/PH Committee (\*)** Council  
**Agenda Item (\*)** Bill 13  
**Your position on the matter (\*)** Support  
**Representing (\*)** Organization  
**Organization** Surfrider Spirit Sesions  
**Do you wish to speak at the hearing? (\*)** No

### **Written Testimony**

Dear Members of the City Council: I am writing to support the Amendment to the Grants In Aid Bill 13 (Appendix B5) to provide Grant in Aid funding to Surfrider Spirit Sessions. I was introduced to Surfrider Spirit Sessions two years ago on the OC 16 TV channel. It instantly grabbed my heart. I then joined the program and became a part of this amazing Ohana that offers their time and energy to kids who truly need it. Most have never received that acknowledgement in their home lives. The program gives at-risk teenagers the ability to learn and benefit from one-on-one mentorship and also learn that surfing can be used as a metaphor for life's lessons. I have seen tremendous change in the teenagers that become involved in this program; from their outlook on life, to their outlook on themselves. Please

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